Application No. 09/923,394 Docket No. 8026-1004

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

There are no formal matters outstanding.

Claims 2-4, 7-10, 15 and 19-22 have been allowed.

Claims 14 and 23 are indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter.

Allowable claim 23 has been amended to include base claim 12 and intermediate claim 13. Allowance of claims 23 and dependent claim 14 are therefore solicited.

Only allowed and allowable claims remain pending. Thus, the case is believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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